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(Elections Code Section 9600)

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☐ Argument in Favor  ☐ Rebuttal to Argument Against  

☐ Argument Against  ☐ Rebuttal to Argument in Favor

of ballot measure Charter Amendment - Fire & Police Chief at the Special Municipal
(name and/or letter)  (title of election)

election for the City of Culver City  to be held on
November 8, 2016  hereby state that such argument is true and correct to the
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ARGUMENT AND REBUTTAL FORM

ELECTION DATE: November 8, 2016

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Please type statements below in upper and lower case letters. Statement will be typeset in the Official Sample Ballot Booklet using DUTC801 Rm BT font in 10 point size. However, statement can be submitted using any standard font.

Measure ___ would change the appointing authority of the Fire Chief and Police Chief from the part-time City Council to the full-time City Manager, where that authority should reside.

Councilmembers are elected to make policy and set direction for our City, while the City Manager’s full-time job is to implement those policies. Councilmembers dedicate hundreds of hours to serving our City, but their job is not to “run the city.” They often have full-time jobs outside of their Council service and are not trained in public administration. That is why we have professional, full-time staff -- experts in their respective fields – who handle the day-to-day operation of our City.

Policymaking and oversight will always remain with the City Council, and the City Manager will continue to serve at its pleasure. But today, the City Manager possesses the authority to appoint and remove every department head reporting to him except the Police and Fire Chiefs. Though both Chiefs are encouraged to cooperate with the City Manager, the City Manager lacks the authority to compel their cooperation should it prove elusive.

Both the current Police Chief and Fire Chief support the proposed charter amendment. Especially in emergency situations, a clear chain of command through the City Manager is critical. But today, even under the best of conditions, the Chiefs must deal with taking direction, at times conflicting, from five independently elected bosses – not the most effective way to conduct business.

There is no reason to treat the Chiefs differently from other department heads in regard to the City Manager’s authority to appoint and remove them. This change to the city charter will codify existing good practices, ensure a cooperative working environment going forward and better serve the residents of Culver City.
Jim B. Clarke  Mayor, City of Colver City
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